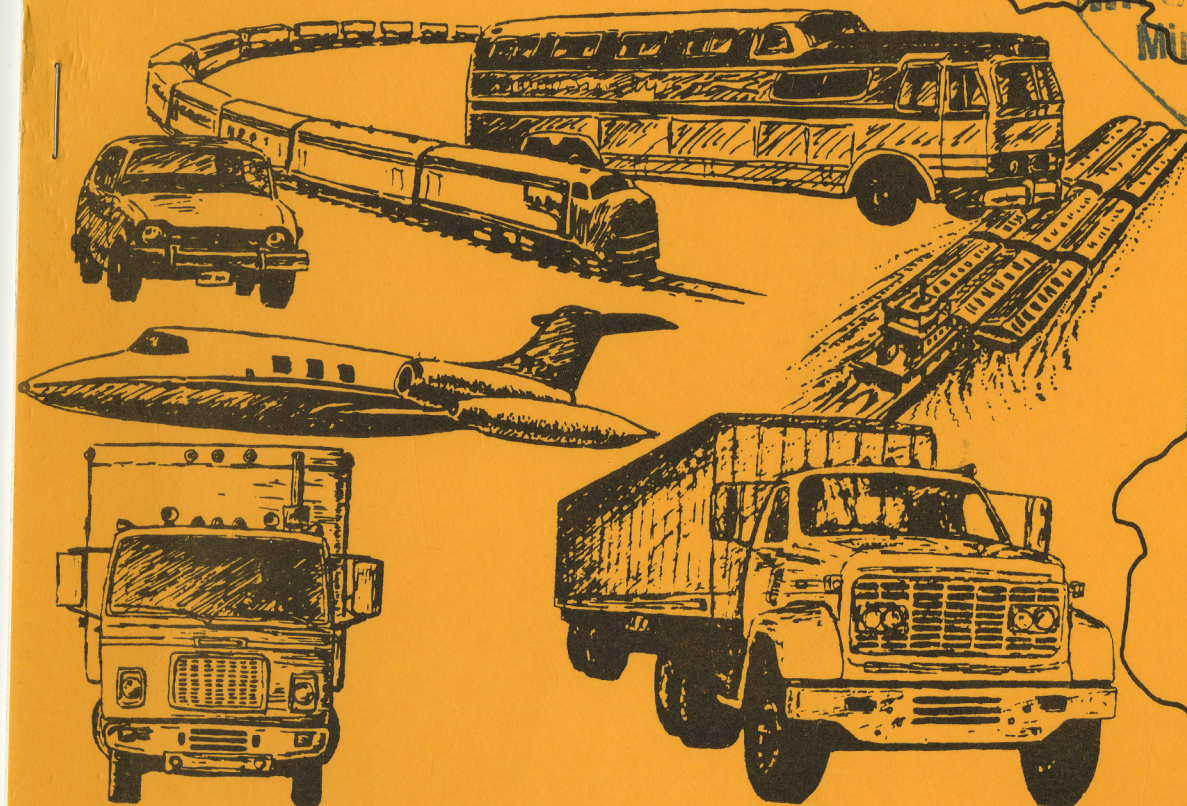




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CSAH 1 FROM ALDRICH TO 98TH STREET

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the entrance to Denny's Restaurant, and 98th  
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After data is prepared at the regional level, it is allocated to smaller geographical units called Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ's). The projected year trips are assigned to the roadway network by the minimum time travel path from each origin TAZ to each destination TAZ. The sum of trips on a link resulting from all minimum time travel paths is the assigned volume on the link.





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The following data and procedures were used for this forecast:

- 1) Year 2000 AWDT, Peak Hour and HCAWDT traffic assigned to the F2000 road network.

Year 2000 projected volumes from our regional travel model were used as a basis for the forecasts in this report where possible, however, several of the cross-roads to CSAH 1 are not included in the computer net-work.

- 2) Current and historical Average Daily Traffic (ADT) and peak hour traffic counts from the Mn/DOT Data Collection Unit and Hennepin County and turning movement volumes taken by the Mn/DOT Traffic Forecasts Unit and Hennepin County.

Historic trend analyses of traffic counts are used as a guideline in projecting future traffic volumes.

An extensive study of TH 35W alternates which is currently under-way will, upon completion, provide the most accurate future year traffic projections for TH 35W. Therefore, the volumes in this report on TH 35W are subject to change. If you have any ques-tions, please contact Caren Grantz-Miller at 297-1466.

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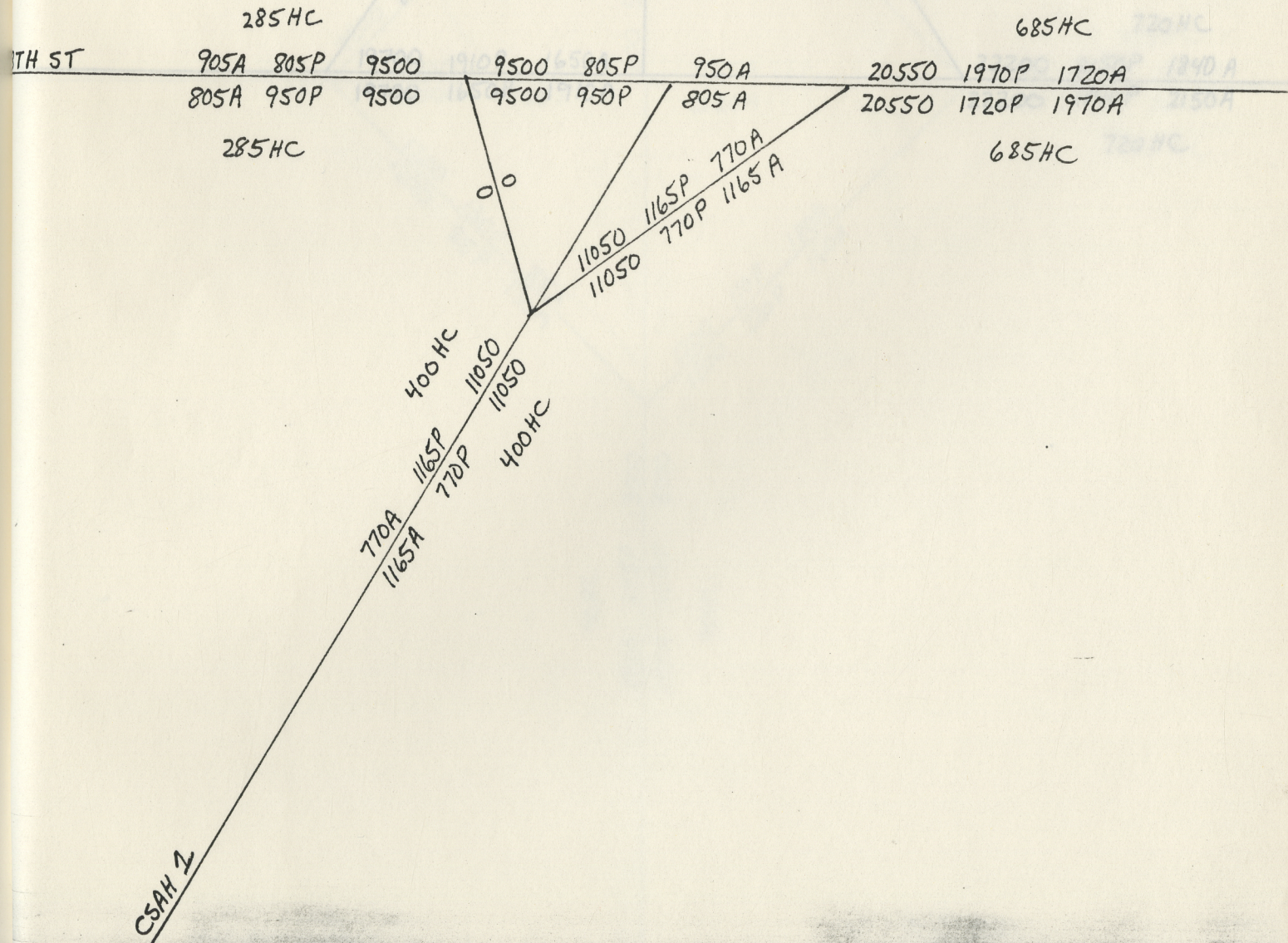
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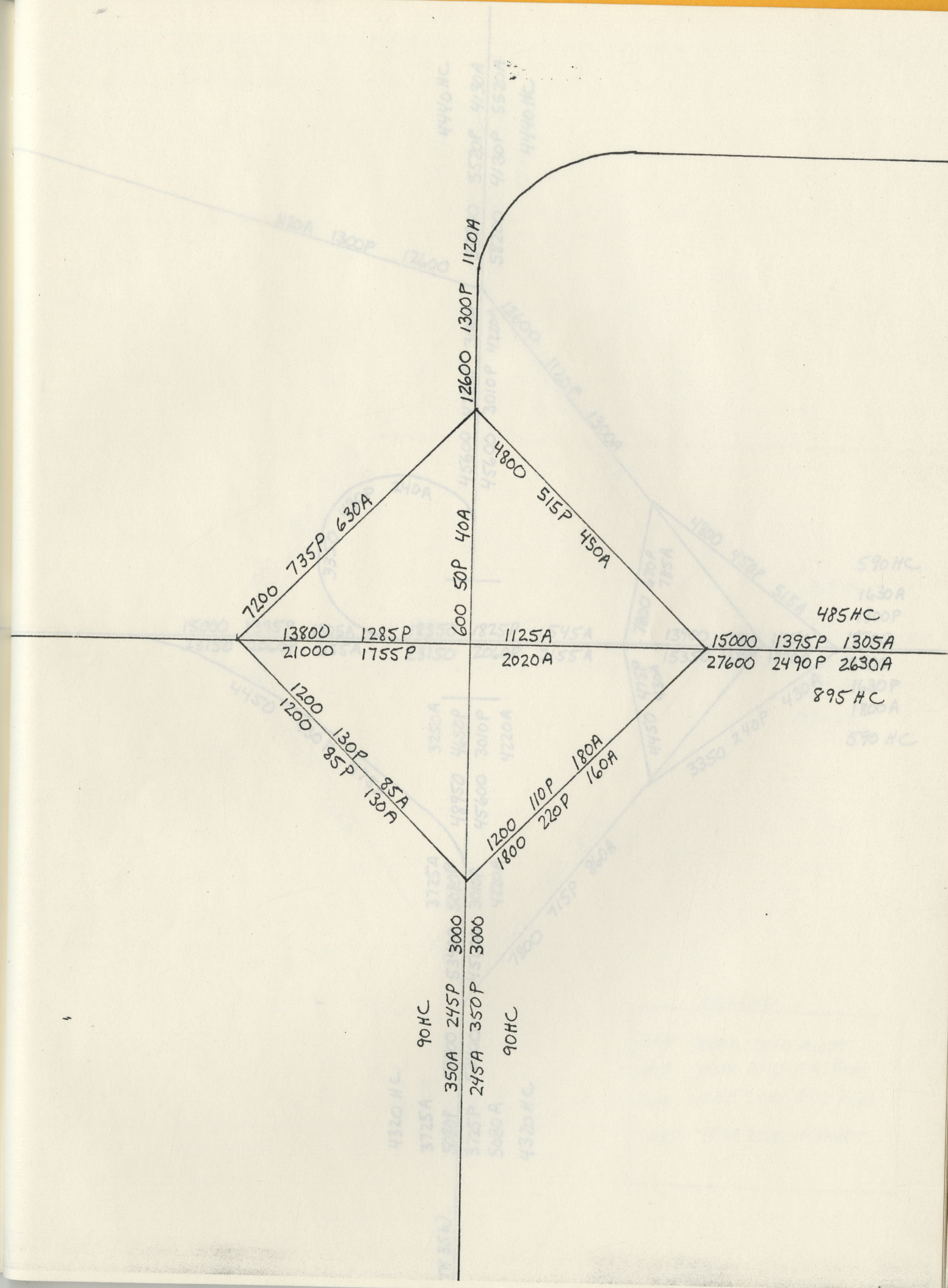
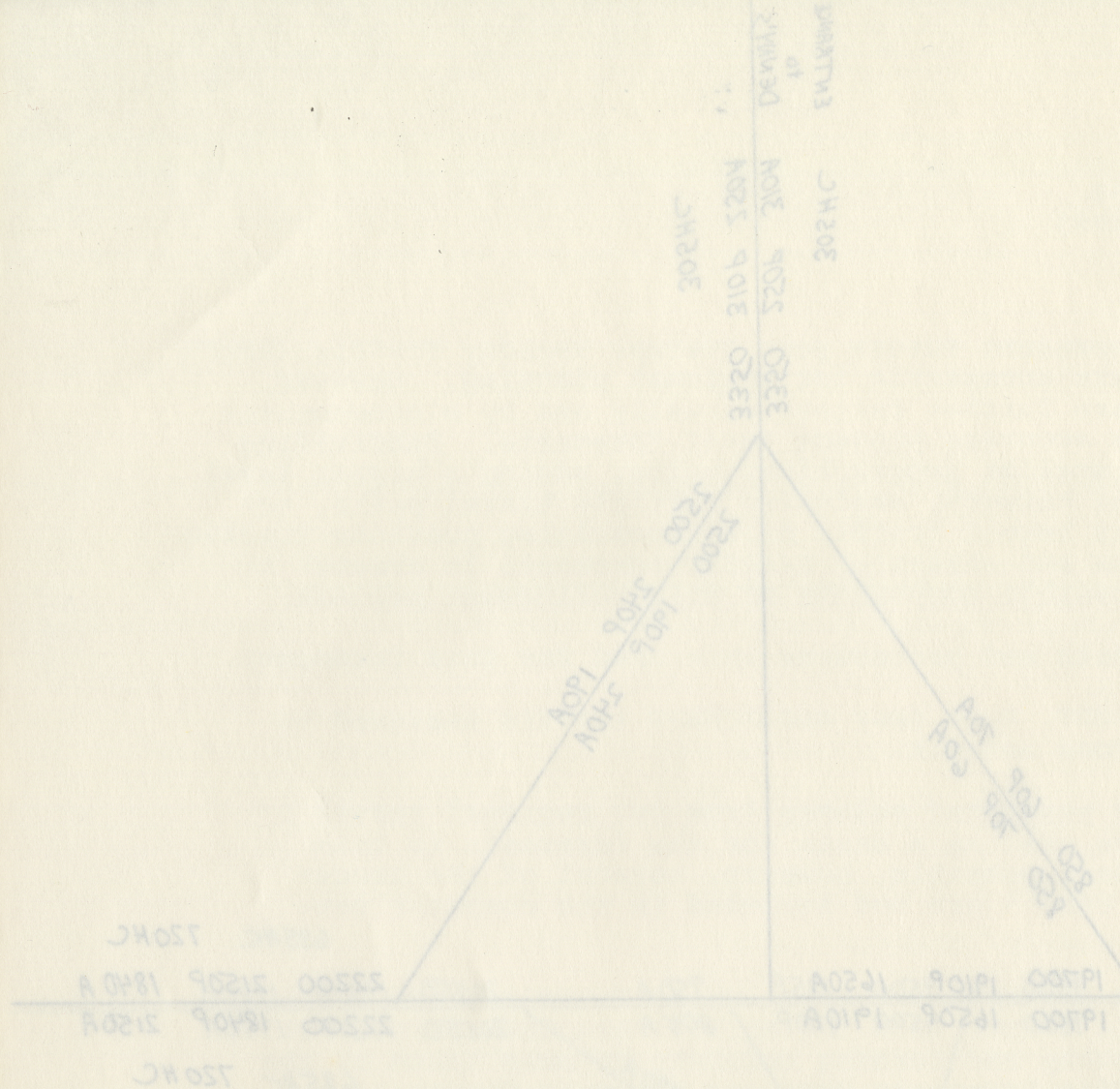
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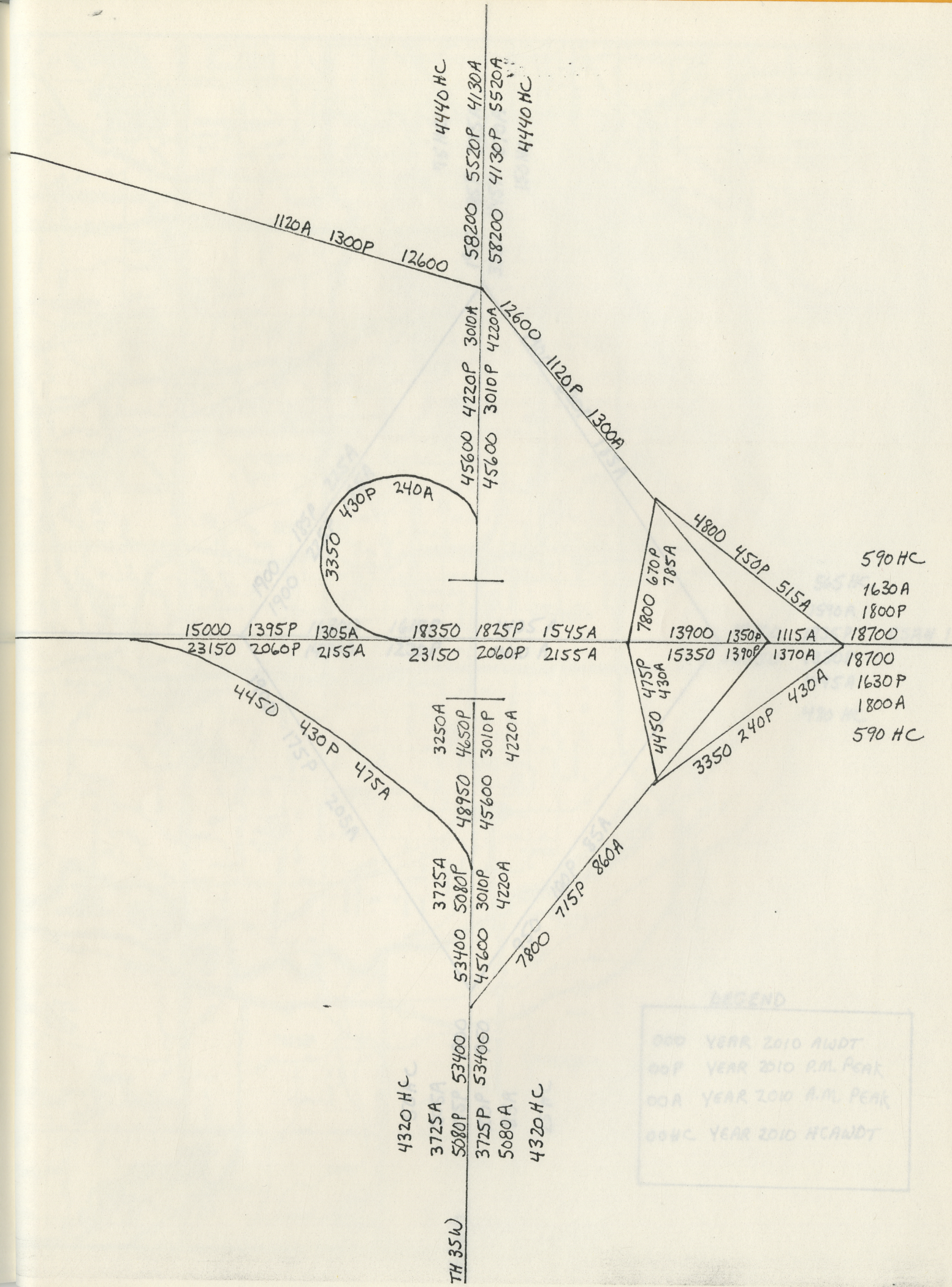
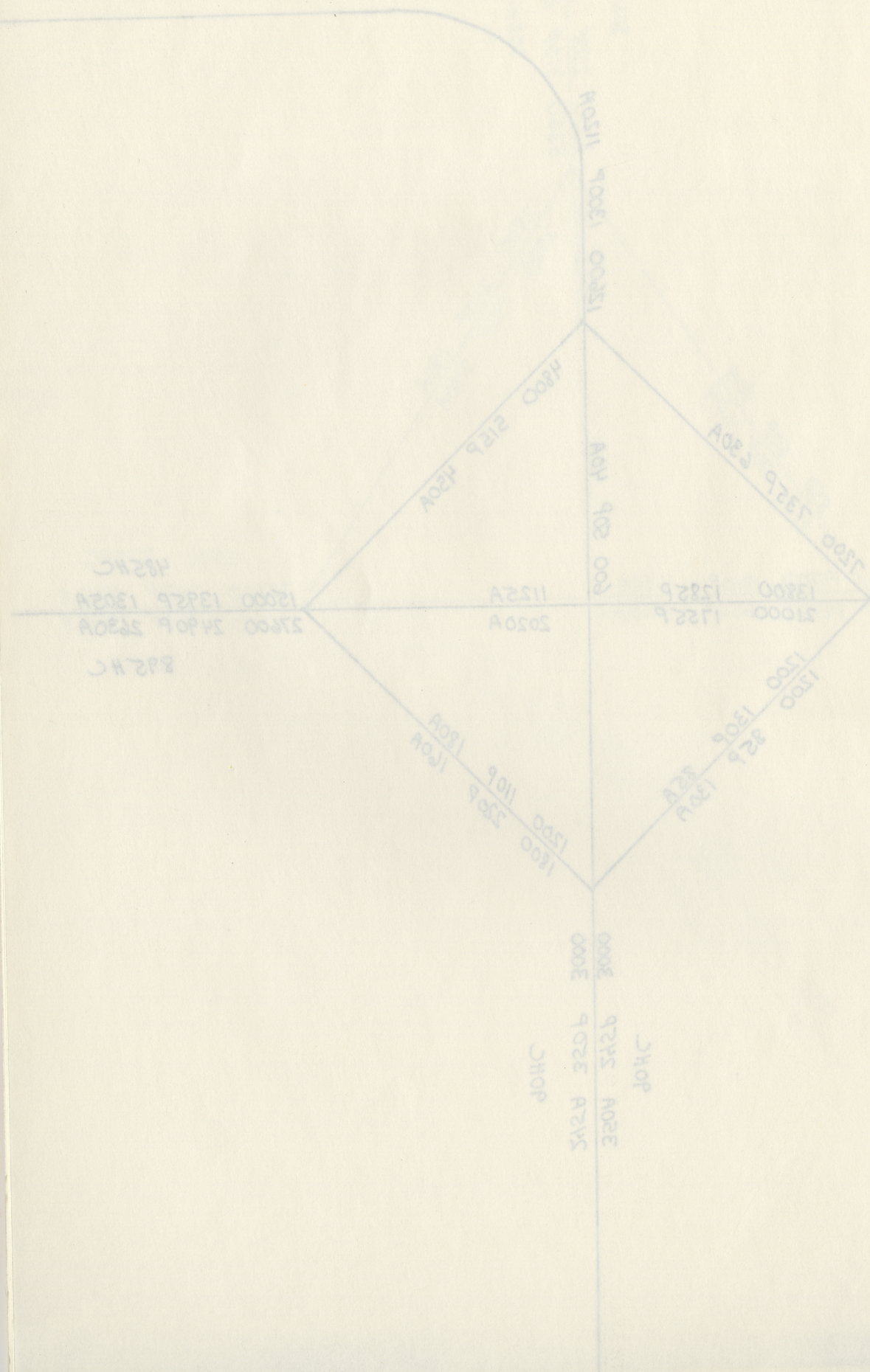




















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